GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services — Forest Department – Disciplinary action against Sri V.Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer (Expired), Kannapuram Range of Rajahmundry Circle - Article of Charge issued Under rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules 1991 - Expired on 28.06.2015 – Further action abated – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 110 Dated: 26-12-2015

Read the following:

From the Prl.CCF, Lr.Rc.No.15884/03/Vig-3, dt. 06.11.2015.

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ORDER:

In the reference read above, the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has informed that Article of Charge was issued against Sri V. Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer, vide Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru Rc.no. 4946/2005/S1, Dt. 16-08-2006(Article of Charge) on the following count:-

**Article-I:** "That the said Sri V.Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer, while working as Forest Section Officer Kannapuram and Dondapudi Sections of Kannapuram Range during the period of 1998-2000, grossly neglected his duty resulting large – scale destruction of teak and Non-trees in Forest area under his jurisdiction. Apart from his failure in preventing the destruction tried to suppress the figures and remove the evidence of destruction and attempted to shirk the responsibility on others"

2. The Charged Officer acknowledged Article of Charge on 17.08.2006 and submitted his explanation on 04-09-2006.

3. The Government vide G.M.No.4558/For.IV/2003-1, dated 28.07.2003, while enclosing the V&E report no.82 dated 07.06.2003 instructed the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests to re-examine the matter and frame specific charges against the responsible officers who are involved in the destruction of forests in Eluru division by conducting common enquiry, for major penalty. Further, Vide G.O.Rt.No.191, EFS&T Dept., 22.07.2015, the Government issued orders changing the Inquiring Authority to Sri S.A.Huda, IPS., (COI-H), Commissioner of Inquiries, GAD Department, as an Inquiry Authority. The same was communicated to (21) Charged Officers on 24.08.2015. Further the Commissioner of Inquiries issued two enquiry Notices dt.06.08.2015 and 13.8.2015 to (15) Charged Officers and (6) others, to appear before the Commissioner of Inquiries at 11.30 A.M on 3.9.2015. The notices were communicated on 12.08.2015 and 24.08.2015 respectively. Acknowledgement copies of (21) Charged Officers are awaited.

4. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, has informed that meanwhile the Charged Officer Sri V. Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer(Retd) expired on 28.06.2015.

5. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad has informed that, as per report of Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru vide Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru Rc.no. 5832/2010/S1, Dt.02-11-2015 and Divisional Forest Officer, Eluru Rc.no.5832/2010/S1, Dt.03-11-2015, it is observed that at the time of destruction (7) more officers are involved in the destructions besides Sri V.Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer. Hence the net loss sustained to the Government was distributed proportionately and the Forest Section Officer was made responsible for 30% of the said loss and the remaining loss i.e., 70% may be recovered from the Forest Range Officer, Forest Beat Officers and Asst. Beat Officers@ 20%, 30% and 20% respectively and he requested to submit the abate proposals in the disciplinary case initiated against Sri V.Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer(Retd) to the Government for recovery of the loss of Rs.48,650/- from the DCRG of Sri V.Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer(Retired & Expired).

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6. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad has proposed to abate further disciplinary action against the Charged Officer.

7. The matter has been examined by the Government in the light of the sub-rule (7) (a) of rule 9 of the A. P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 as mentioned in G.O.Ms.No.85, Finance & Planning. (FW.Pen-I) Department, dt:12.7.1999 and under the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Department, dt:21.12.2002.

8. After careful examination of the matter, the Government here by order to abate further action against the deceased Government servant Sri V. Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer(Retired & Expired) in this case. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is also directed to take action as per the provisions of G.O.Ms.No.995 Finance (Pen.I) Department dt.21.12.2002 for recovery of the pecuniary loss caused to Government, Rs.48,650/- from the DCRG of Sri V. Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer(Retired & Expired).

9. The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASHWINI KUMAR PARIDA
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P. Hyderabad.
Legal heirs of late Sri V.Ganga Raju, Forest Section Officer(Retd & Expired)
(through Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests.)
Copy to
The Accountant General, A.P. Hyderabad.
The Director of Treasuries & Accounts, A.P., Hyderabad.
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SECTION OFFICER